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Memorandum

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Date: June 2, 2009
To: **Sunol Express Lane Joint Powers Authority**
From: Frank R. Furger, Chief Deputy Director
Subject: Update on Express Lane Activities

AB 744

Assembly Bill 744 (Torrico) will provide the statutory authority for BATA to build, own, operate and maintain a High Occupancy Toll Lane Network within the 9 Bay Area Counties. The legislation provides a 1-year period for BATA to reach agreement with the JPA for the transfer of the JPA responsibilities to BATA as well as the formation of a Management and Oversight Committee that will include a representative from the ACCMA.

The bill was amended on April 21, 2009 and passed the Assembly Committee on Transportation by a 12 to 1 vote on April 27, 2009. It has been referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

ACTIA and ACCMA have both taken actions to support this bill in concept.

Alameda County I-580 Corridor

EB I-580 HOV/HOT

The EB HOV lane from Portola to Greenville is scheduled to open in August 2009. Bids for the second construction package of the HOV lane from Portola to Hacienda will be opened on June 3rd. Construction is anticipated to begin in July 2009 with an estimated completion date of fall 2011. The environmental clearance and project development to convert the EB HOV to a HOT lane is underway. The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the system integrator for the EB HOT will be released in July with work anticipated to begin by October of this year.

WB I-580 HOV/HOT

The CMA has contracted with URS corporation to prepare the traffic and revenue report to convert the WB HOV lane into a HOT lane. Work has been initiated and the final report is anticipated in November 2009.

Solano County Transportation Authority Tour

Board members and staff from the Solano County Transportation Authority are scheduled to tour the planned Express Lane project locations in Santa Clara and Alameda Counties on June 4th. Staff will provide an overview and lead a tour of the planned projects in the I-580 and I-680 Corridors.

Board Member visits to similar projects

The following is a list of Express Lane projects that are in project development or have recently been opened. Several of these projects are similar to the I-680 Corridor improvements. Staff is exploring the possibility to tour some of these facilities and will return to the JPA with recommendations at a future meeting.

The Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Agency received a \$200+M grant to convert existing HOV lanes in its county to Express Lanes. This conversion is very similar to the I-680 effort.

Riverside Transportation Commission is working with the Orange County Transportation Agency to extend the SR-91 Express Lane into its county and to add Express Lanes to I-15. Each of these facilities is unique, but will have implementation issues similar to those on I-680.

Washington Department of Transportation has recently opened an Express Lane on SR 167 in Seattle. The toll collection system on this facility was developed by the same company contracted to provide the Electronic Toll System on I-680.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation has decided to extend its implementation of Express Lanes in metropolitan Minneapolis and is currently designing new lanes on 35W. Both the Express Lanes on I-394 and on 35W have similarities to I-680.

San Diego Association of Governments has recently extended its HOT Lane operation on I-15. This facility is separated by a concrete barrier from the General Purpose Lanes, but relies upon FasTrak for toll collection.